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Compare and Contrast • Predict

- To **compare** and **contrast**, tell how two or more things are alike and different.
- **Clue words** that signal differences include *but*, *however*, and *instead*.
- Active readers **predict** what might happen next based on what they have read.

Directions Read the following passage. Answer the questions.

Fong and his family were traveling in Senegal for the summer. On their first night, they had dinner at a friend's house. Instead of a table and chairs, everyone sat on the floor around the edges of a big blanket. Out came a large bowl of food.

Fong watched as the dinner guests ate from the bowl of food with their hands. Rather than taking food onto a plate like they did at home, the guests ate from the part of the bowl that faced them. The food smelled delicious.

1. What is being compared and contrasted?

Possible response: The way dinner in West Africa is served and eaten as compared to how Fong eats his dinner.

2. How is dinner in West Africa different from dinner at Fong's house?

Possible response: People do not sit at a table. People use their hands to eat.

3. What do both ways of eating dinner have in common?

Possible response: Both are social events. Everyone sits together. Foods have good smells.

4. Which clue words told you that two things were being compared and contrasted?

Instead of; rather than

5. Predict whether Fong will eat the dinner. Use details to support your answer.

Possible response: The food smelled good. He was hungry. Everyone else was eating. He wanted to try something new.



Home Activity Your child learned about telling how two or more things are alike and different. Choose two objects in your home, such as a chair and a bed. Ask your child to describe how they are similar and different.